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In re Application of
Fukuda, et al. :
Application No. 09/996,624 : DECISION ON
Filed: November 28, 2001 : PETITION
Attorney Docket No. ISHDP165D1 :

This is in response to petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed December 27, 2005.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

The holding of abandonment is WITHDRAWN.

The above-identified application was held abandoned for failure to file a proper reply to the final Office action mailed January 4, 2005. Applicants filed an Amendment on January 13, 2005. However, by Advisory Action mailed February 7, 2005, the Office notified applicants that the amendment would not be entered. Applicants filed another amendment on February 23, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 26, 2005, informing applicants that the amendment of January 13, 2005 was received, but was not a proper reply.

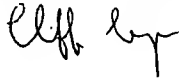
The undersigned has confirmed with the examiner that the amendment filed February 23, 2005 was a proper reply.

In view of the above, it is obvious that the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error. Accordingly, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

Given the basis for granting this petition, no petition fee was required.

The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 3721 for consideration of the amendment filed February 23, 2005.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3207.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cliff Congo".

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